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In re Application of: Elizabeth Bates *et al.* :

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Dear Sir:

A Request For Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being filed herewith. In the RCE Transmittal form, the Office is authorized to debit our deposit account for the RCE fee.

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. An amendment to the Specification is on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3. Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5.

Two documents are attached to this paper and are referred to herein on page 5. The first attachment is the cover page of a MicroPatent database search (1 page), and the second attachment is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,470,925 (6 pages), for a total of 7 attached pages.

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